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SUBJECT: FRG AND SOUTH AFRICAN NPT ADHERENCE

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1. A FOREIGN OFFICE DISARMAMENT OFFICIAL INFORMED AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON APRIL 13 THAT THE FRG HAD MADE A SECOND DEMARCHE IN PRETORIA YESTERDAY TO URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO ADHERE TO THE NPT. WE WERE NOT INFORMED AT WHAT LEVEL THE DEMARCHE WAS MADE, ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAS IN ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF THE DEMARCHE. THE OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT THE SECOND FRG DEMARCHE WAS ESSENTIALLY A REPETITION OF THE EARLIER ONE MADE LAST JANUARY (REF B). THE GERMANS DECIDED TO MAKE A SECOND DEMARCHE SINCE THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THEIR JANUARY APPROACH (REF C).

2. SURPRISINGLY, THE SOUTH AFRICAN TO WHOM THE

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DEMARCHE WAS MADE INDICATED THAT THE SAG HAD NOT

RECEIVED A SIMILAR DEMARCHE FROM THE AMERICANS. WE NOTE THAT REF A, INSTRUCTING US TO APPROACH THE FRG ABOUT MAKING A DEMARCHE, ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WOULD PARALLEL ONE UNDERTAKEN BY THE US. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE DATE AND LEVEL OF THE US DEMARCHE SO THAT WE CAN SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN BONN.

3. IN REVIEWING THE REPORTING CABLE FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN PRETORIA, THE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT IT WAS THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S IMPRESSION THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE STILL NOT OVERCOME THEIR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PRE-JUDICIAL EFFECTS WHICH ACCEPTANCE OF SAFEGUARDS WOULD HAVE ON THEIR URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY.

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